

## POETRY.

**THE WHITE SUNBONNET.**

The clearing is little and rough and brown.  
With jagged stumps where the axe  
A spring, where the scar leaves eddy  
A crown, and narrow passes by briars defended.  
The sun stands on the forest's edge—  
The window shines with the light  
Upon it—  
And o'er the twisted wild-grape hedge  
I see the gleam of a white sunbonnet.

Her hair is dark as the veil of night,  
Her cheek is brown with the sun's  
caressing;  
Her eyes are blue as the taper light.

Her lips are sweet as the half-shut  
rose

She graced this morn when she  
stooped to don it,  
Her low brow under her tresses  
glows--  
My woodland girl of the white sun-  
bennet,  
My axe strikes keen and sure on that  
tree  
As I shout aloud with a joyous spirit  
The hut I build for her and me.

It.  
I set the window within the wall, -  
She hemmed the curtain that fluttered

on it—  
Tomorrow, the last sweet touch of all,  
I shall drive the peg for her white  
sundowner.  
—Dick Fargo, in The Pacific Monthly.

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**THE WAIL OF THE "FAN."**

I want to see the Pirates play;  
I want to see the Tiger crew

The way they did up old St. Leo.  
But still I do not want to stand  
Eight hours on the public street.

And push and fight  
And kick and bite  
And kill myself to get a seat.  
I do not want to leave my bed  
Before the stars have ceased to

That I may not be forced to spend  
All morning standing in the line.

Nor do I want my neighbor's weight  
 Implanted firmly on my feet,  
 And give up skin  
 From knee to shin  
 And suffer pain to get a seat.  
 I want to see the game, of course,  
 If I can keep my self-respect.  
 I have no wish to pampered be—  
 Upholstered chairs I don't expect,  
 A little room is all I ask,

And kick and bite  
And tear my clothes to get a seat.

—Detroit Free Press

## VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Cleaver Sayings.

"Jack took me to church and pro-  
posed to me during the sermon. 'Yes,  
the poor boy talks in his sleep, you  
know.'"—Cleveland Leader.

Romeo was swearing by the moon,  
"flow out of date," objected Juliet,  
"what's the moon?" "The comet,"  
herewith he made haste to amend the  
oath.—New York Sun.

Whence I'm sad, why then I'm glad  
To think that I'm no sadder.  
And where I'm happy, then I'm glad  
To think no one could be gladder.  
—Detroit Free Press.

and leave it on the sidewalk." "What for?" "So that any neighbors who

"Who's the hero of this drama?" said the stage manager at a first rehearsal. "I am," shouted a man from an obscure corner of the theater. "I'm

ey for the production."—Washington Star.

"Why don't you get to work and settle these railroad questions?" "I'm waiting," said the senator. "Of course I will," said the graduate. "I won't write a commencement thesis on the subject."—Washington Herald.

"Terrible scandal at the Mountain house." "As to how?" "A newly arrived lady guest came out on the lawn dressed for bathing. Owing to some aberration of mind she thought she was at a bathing resort." "Why did you break off your commencement with that?" "The president," said the graduate, "asked the friend of the family, who had the rubber habit, 'Because he's a quitter.'" re-

willing to love and honor me, but he wouldn't promise to 'obey' in his part

"Mrs. Nervev wasn't invited to Mrs. Swellman's tea at all," Miss Gaddie was saying, but she came, and when

positively painful." "Naturally," remarked the hateful Mr. Knox, "Silence

"You have an enviable collection of postcards, haven't you?" said the caller, looking through the lot. "Why, what's this one—all blank on one side?" she added. "That? That's a government postal card—a rare bird these days," the owner said, after consulting her catalogue.—*Buffalo Express*.

**MUCH IN LITTLE**  
The most valuable pine in the world

In Germany marriages by any foreign consular officer are strictly prohibited—except where they are special treaty stipulations.

along the Siberian coast amounts each year to about 49,000,000 pounds, worth about \$1,500,000.

France supplies many of the flowers buds that formerly came from Holland. A more recent competitor is the Puget sound region in this country.

High atmospheric pressure in the case of persons not doing manual labor has been found to act as a mental stimulus, increasing the impulse to talk.

An announcement by a journal in Mexico City says that preparations for the centennial celebration of the independence of Mexico are being vigorously pushed.

Canada a year or so ago that the muskrat could be treated and dyed to imitate seal so nearly as to avoid de-

Gutta percha is the dried milky juice of the trees of the genus *Euphorbia*, chiefly of the species *Pelagoum* and *Paysona*, the habitat of which is the Malay archipelago, more particularly Borneo, Sumatra and Malacca.

attached to the staff to pass an examination in the languages of one of the neighboring countries. In the event

This country is not alone in facing an egg problem. England is endeavoring to stimulate egg production and a number of egg traders planned to be dispatched through Western England and Wales, where it is said that the egg industry is at low ebb. The United Kingdom now imports nearly one-half the eggs consumed.